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1. In early April 1950, twenty freight carloads of military supplies arrived at Chorwon (127-12, 38-14) from Sonkyo-ri (125-45, 38-50), Pyongyang. These materials are to be distributed to North Korean units along the border, with priority for troops in the areas of Pochon (126-52, 38-20) and Yonchon (127-04, 38-06). Chorwon is scheduled to become a pivot point for military operations.
2. During the night of 20 March 1950, eight Soviet-made tanks were brought from Wonsan (127-26, 39-10) to Chorwon for the 7th Regiment, stationed at Kwangjon-ni (官田里), about two kilometers southeast of the Chorwon railway station. This group of tanks put the 7th Regiment in possession of superior tank power and weapons so that it could attack South Korea and occupy Seoul within five or six hours. The local military authorities made this announcement and at the same time assured the people of the city that they were safe but that extensive cooperation was demanded of them.
3. The 7th Regiment occupies a wooden barracks with a cement foundation, 55 by 10 meters; it is roofed with grey cement tiles. This building was formerly the Fuji Farming Technician Training Center. A second barracks of similar construction, 45 by 10 meters, was built between March and September 1949.
4. Chorwon also serves as a center for propaganda and guerrilla work into South Korea. PAK Hŏn-yŏng (朴憲永) has been directing these activities since the beginning of 1950. He visited Chorwon from 23 January to 5 February and from 17 to 23 March, and returned a third time on 1 April. His program of work against South Korea includes agitation among South Korean soldiers drawn from the Chorwon district. South Korean military personnel who have relatives on the north side of the parallel or who are stationed in the border region are infiltrated with North Korean agents, who try to induce them to desert en masse to the north. The South Koreans are assured of a very warm reception if they defect.

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